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## **KAUA'I CIVIL DEFENSE**

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### **Update on Hurricane Lester**

LĪHU'E – The National Weather Service (NWS) reports that as of 5 a.m. Saturday, Hurricane Lester continues to move west-northwest at 16mph and is expected to remain to the north of the state today through Sunday. This general motion is expected to continue through Saturday night with a turn toward the northwest on Sunday. The public is urged to remain vigilant over the next 48 hours as any shift to Lester's track could result in severe weather impacts.

A High Surf Warning remains in effect for all east-facing shores until 6 a.m. on Sunday. Beachgoers are urged to stay out of the water and away from the shoreline in these areas during the warning.

The latest forecast anticipates that Kaua'i County could feel effects of the storm – such as rain, high surf, and strong winds – as early as Saturday evening into Sunday morning.

Weather products are expected to be modified as conditions develop. The public is advised to monitor local media for updates, or visit the National Weather Service website at [www.weather.gov/hawaii](http://www.weather.gov/hawaii).

There are no plans to open shelters at this time; however, the county will work with the American Red Cross to open shelters on an as-needed basis.

Visitors are urged to confirm flight arrangements with their airlines prior to heading to the airport.

The state Department of Education announced that all Kaua'i Interscholastic Federation (KIF) sporting events will continue as scheduled.

County officials are working with The Kaua'i Marathon organizers to monitor the potential impacts to the island. There have been no modifications to The Kaua'i Marathon schedule or course at this time, however, marathon officials will be keeping race participants updated on any changes to the event.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, [www.kauai.gov](http://www.kauai.gov), or call the Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency at 241-1800.

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